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ALL ABOARD THE LOOE EXPRESS

A little line that is a mixture of Toy Town Special and Cornish legend

WHEN you see a great snorting giant of a train like the "Cornish Riviera Limited" ready to race from Paddington to Penzance, you get an almost irresistible longing to jump aboard. Away in Cornwall are moors and cliffs and sea that forever challenge the adventurous.

And there, too, are numbers of little trains that link out-of-the-way places. They are truly the country-cousins of the famous main-line expresses, and at the moment "poor relations" as well, for they are said to be losing money. Even the little "Looe Express" is "under review," although in the summer months her sides seem to bulge with holiday-makers.

The Looe Express is an engaging mixture of Toy Town Special and Cornish legend, and in two years' time she will be a hundred years old. It would be a pity to lose her now, for apart from being the subject of local jokes she does a good, steady job of work—fetching and carrying Spring flowers, farm produce, and market garden stuff from Looe Island.

She carries passengers, too. Workers for the wool factory at Coombe, first stop; traders for St. Keyne flour mills; farmers and their wives for Causeland and Sandplace; hotel staff and fish-cannery girls for Looe.

SPADES, SHELLS, AND SAND

All this apart from the thousands of holiday-makers during the summer. For a "toy train" it is fitting that buckets, spades, and rubber balls should be prominent among the luggage; and that often small sea shells and much sand is found in the upholstery.

In 1858 an Act of Parliament empowered Liskeard and Looe Union Canal Company to con-

struct a railway from Moorswater (just below Liskeard) to Looe to carry copper, tin, lead, and iron ore at "4d. per ton per mile"; coal, manures, etc., 2d.; grain, flour, seeds, "merchandise and other articles" 6d.; "passengers and animals" from 2d. to 6d.—this including "every horse, mule, ass, to other beast of draught or burden."

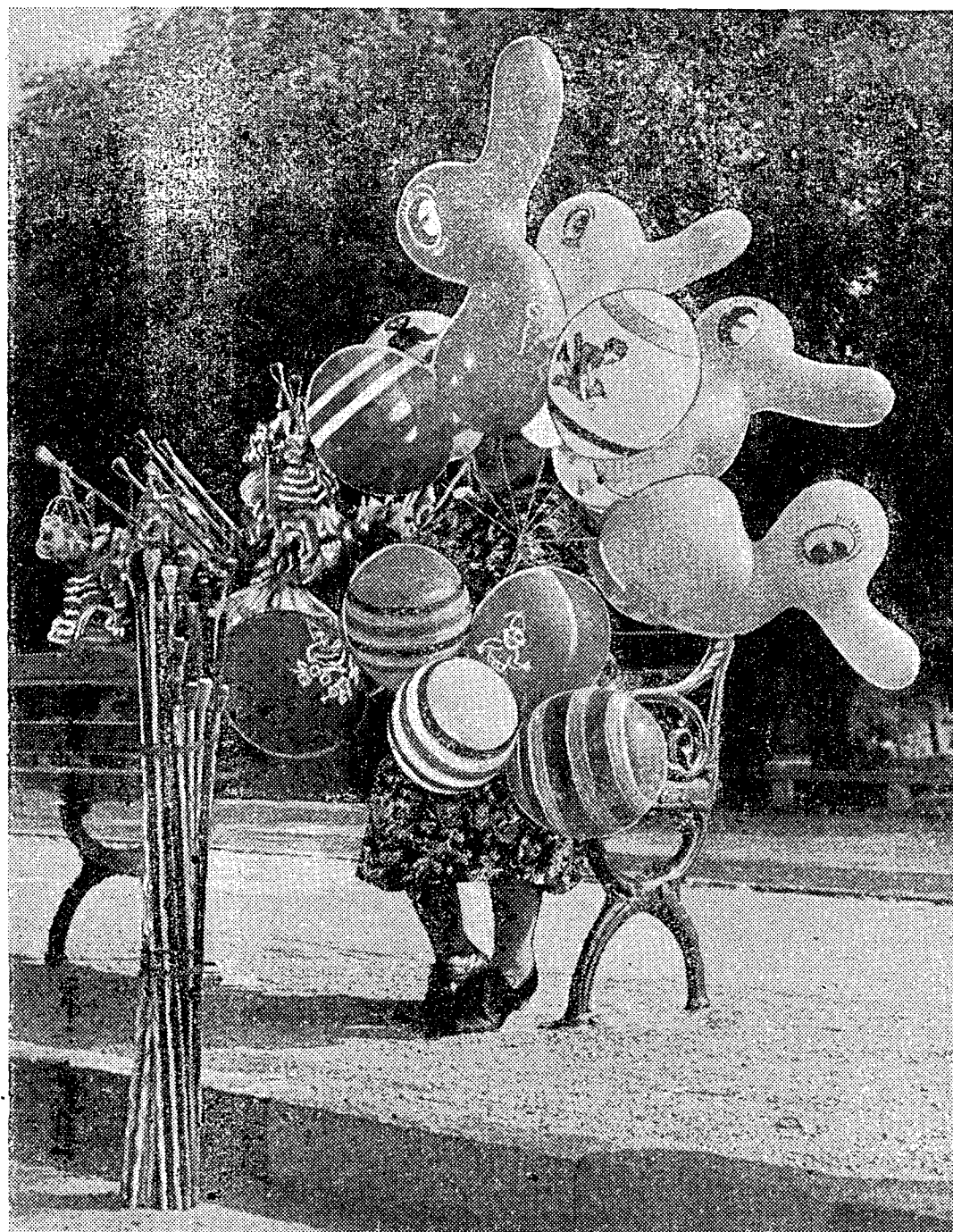
HAIRPIN BEND

In those days the track went right up to Caradon, on the moors, to the granite quarries. The same wagons carried local children on Sunday school outings.

Some years later a proper station was built at Liskeard, and Moorswater Halt became Coombe. The train does fantastic things here. It unhitches its engine, sends it to the other end of the track, and then seemingly makes for home again! This is all because the land between Liskeard and Coombe is too steep to go over or through, so there is this crazy hairpin bend instead. And how it worries visitors! Some even want to reach for the communication cord until matters are explained to them.

A kind little train is the Looe Express. It stops to allow sheep and cattle to cross the line; it waits for you when you are late; and its guard will help you into his own van if the train should happen to be halfway out of the station. One regular passenger invariably gets out at Causeland to pick ivy leaves for her corns!

The line's eight or so miles of track are set among trees and meadows and water, with foxgloves, dog roses, and valerian beside it. In some



Find the lady

A familiar sight by the entrance to the popular holiday park of Skansen, in Stockholm, is the balloon-seller, almost hidden by her stock-in-trade.

BOYS HELP MUSEUM

Bulawayo's National Museum owes many of its mammal, bird, and reptile exhibits to the enthusiasm of schoolboy collectors.

Mr. T. W. Coffin-Grey, the museum's technical assistant, says that one boy, an almost daily visitor, has contributed over 400 bird and mammal specimens, including some rare migrants.

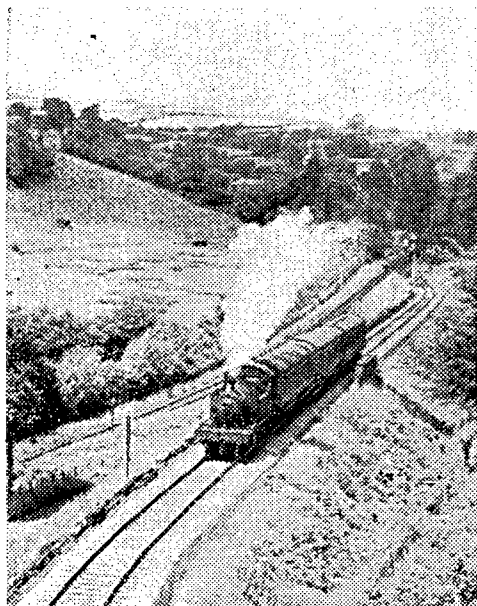
CHAMPION PIE-EATER

Joe Steel, a 42-year-old miner, has become champion pie-eater at Bedlington, Northumberland. He ate a 4½ lb. steak and kidney pie in 17 minutes 47 seconds.

QUICK MILK FROM THE MOUNTAIN

We usually associate pipe lines with oil, but two pipe lines of another kind were recently opened on the slopes of a mountain near Kitzbühel, in Austria. These two pipe lines, 1500 and 2850 yards long, convey milk down from the cattle on the high pastures to waiting tank wagons on the main road in the valley.

One great advantage of the pipes, which are underground, is that they prevent the former wastage due to milk turning sour during its long passage down the mountainside.



The Looe Express goes puffing along

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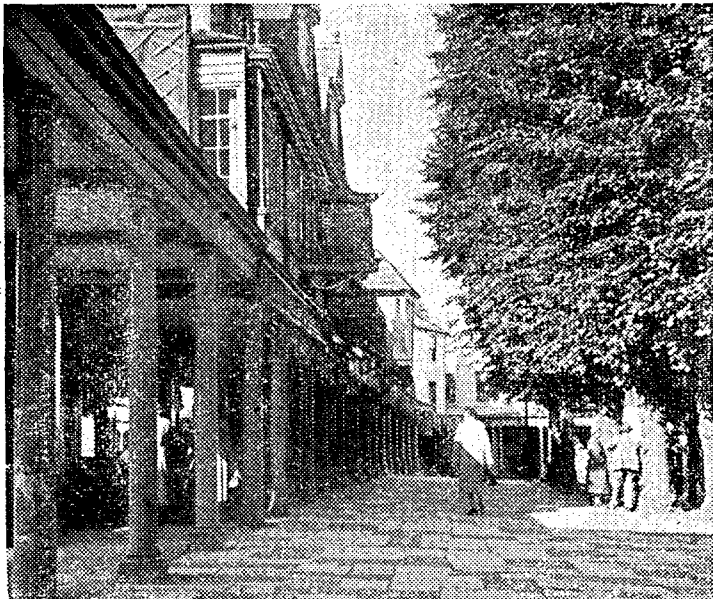
MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Exactly 350 years have passed since the discovery of the health-giving springs which led to the founding of Tunbridge Wells. And to mark the great occasion in its annals this pleasant little health resort in Kent is holding a week of celebrations, beginning on Saturday.

It was quite by accident that the springs were discovered. Some time in 1606 Dudley, Lord North, went to stay with his friend, Lord Bergavenny of Eridge. Passing through the forest on his return journey to London, he noticed a spring which, according

When Charles II and Queen Catherine paid their first visit to the wells in 1663 they stayed in one of these new houses, but their retinue had to camp out on the Common.

Towards the end of the 17th century Tunbridge Wells became



The Pantiles at Tunbridge Wells

to his own account, "bore on its surface a shiny scum and left in its course down a neighbouring brook a ruddy ochreous track." He took a sample of the water to his doctor for analysis, and was told that it contained valuable medicinal properties, including a high proportion of iron.

Lord North naturally told his friends, and they in turn passed on the news to their friends. Thus it quickly became the custom for wealthy people to travel down to "take the waters."

For many years there was nowhere for them to stop. When Henrietta Maria, wife of Charles I, went there to recuperate after the birth of Prince Charles she had to camp out in the surrounding fields that are now the famous Common.

It was about this time that wells were sunk over the main springs and enclosed by wooden railings. In 1638 rows of trees were planted near the wells, to make Upper and Lower "walks." Refreshment huts, taverns, and market booths appeared, then houses were built.

the favourite country resort of Princess Anne, afterwards Queen Anne. During a visit in 1697 her little son, the Duke of Gloucester, slipped on one of the grass walks known as the Parade. Anne decided that the walk should be paved and gave £100 for the work, stipulating that it must be completed before her next visit. Unfortunately this was not done and in high dudgeon the princess declared that she would never visit the town again.

There is no record that she changed her mind, though in 1700 the Parade was paved with the shallow concave tiles called pantiles, from which it gets its present name. Most of these tiles have now disappeared, but 15 of them may be still seen at the eastern end of the Pantiles, where the waters may be sampled.

The waters are not as popular as they used to be, but it is hoped the interest in them will be revived by the anniversary celebrations which begin on Saturday.

All aboard the Looe Express

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Just below here the river suddenly widens, and like a looking-glass it mirrors the trees on Squire Peel's estate, the small white house at Trenant Point, and the "graveyard" for boats. It is here that the fishermen bring their old, worn-out craft when their work is done.

With a shrill whistle, the Looe Express comes to a standstill at

one of the prettiest stations in the country. Passengers, luggage and pets overflow the platform, and it is something of a steeplechase for them to get round or over the boxes of flowers and fish waiting to go back to Liskeard, and from thence to the main line.

Yes, if the Looe Express ever has to be pensioned off, it will be sad news for a vast number of people.

Ross of the North-West Passage

This Thursday, August 30, is the centenary of the death of Sir John Ross, the doughty Scots sailor who tried to find the North-West Passage, a sea-route via the north of America.

Born in 1777, John Ross joined the Navy as a boy of nine, but did not turn to Arctic exploration until middle age, after many adventures in the Napoleonic Wars.

His first quest for the North-West Passage was made in 1818. In command of a whaler called Isabella, he sailed to Davis Strait, between Canada and Greenland, and passing into Baffin Bay, reached Lancaster Sound. There he was deceived by a mirage or a bank of clouds into thinking that the way ahead was barred by mountains, and he returned to England.

SECOND CHANCE WANTED

That mistake embittered his whole life. Two years later, Sir William Parry having reported that there were no mountains across Lancaster Sound, John Ross asked the Admiralty to let him return to the Arctic. But now suspecting his capacity as an explorer, they refused his request.

John Ross longed for a chance to redeem himself, but his chance did not come until 1829, when he was given command of a small private expedition. In a small ship called the Victory he sailed to Lancaster Sound, and finding that Parry was right, turned south into Prince Regent Inlet, hoping to find a route to the Pacific.

But his ship became trapped in the pitiless ice, and his party were obliged to winter on board. Next summer the Victory sailed a few miles farther south and then was caught in the ice once more, never to move again. After two more Arctic winters John Ross and his companions abandoned the ship. Marching down the coast, they found the wrecked vessel of a previous expedition, and used its timbers to build a hut in which they passed their fourth winter.

RESCUED BY WHALER

In the following summer they reached Lancaster Sound and were rescued by a whaler which turned out to be the Isabella!

Their survival without modern polar equipment seems miraculous to us. And they not only survived; they added considerably to the world's knowledge of the Arctic.

Knighted in 1834, Sir John Ross set forth on his last Arctic voyage when he was nearly 73 in a fruitless search for the lost explorer, Sir John Franklin. Returning to England in the following year, he showed himself still anxious to continue the quest and was bitterly disappointed when the Admiralty decided that he was too old.

Such was the dauntless spirit of this man of the sea! Such was the spirit, indeed, of all the men who set forth of old to find the North-West Passage!

News from Everywhere

The Queen has asked that the Chief Constable of Derbyshire should specially congratulate Frankie Girling, a seven-year-old lad of Ripley, who has saved two girls from drowning in the past year.

Floods in Australia have caused widespread damage, those in the Murray Valley, one of Australia's richest agricultural centres, being the worst of this century. In one part of New South Wales a million acres were under water.

HIS REWARD

Europe's highest peak, 15,781-foot Mont Blanc, has been scaled by a nine-year-old Italian boy. The youngest person ever to make the climb, he was taken by his father and an Alpine Guide as a reward for good work in school exams.

Aborigines in Australia's Northern Territory have been catching and taming the camels that roam wild there in thousands, and using them on their annual "walkabouts." The animals are descendants of domestic camels that took to the wilds.

TO HELP THE BLIND

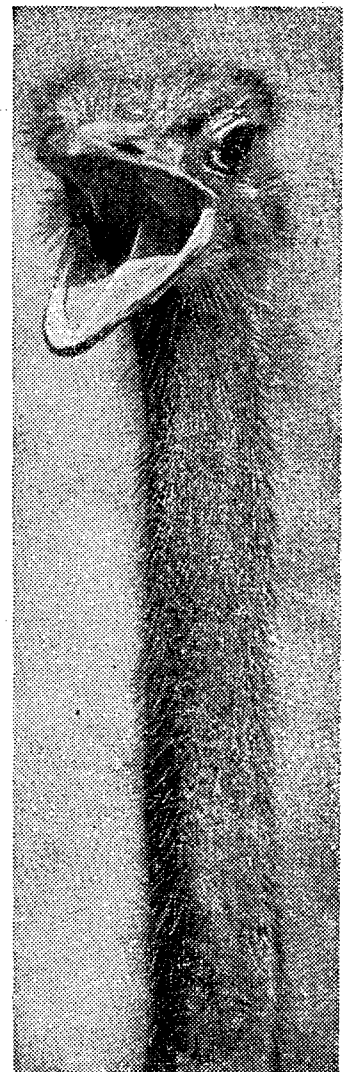
Bells and buzzers have been fitted to traffic signals in San Francisco to let blind people know when to cross the road.

A Holstein, Austria, gardener has developed a climbing strawberry plant. Six feet high, it is said to produce four or five times as much fruit as the ordinary strawberry.

The record for swimming across Lake Ontario, 32 miles, has been broken by 28-year-old Brenda Fisher, of Grimsby, who also holds the women's record for swimming the Channel. She crossed Lake Ontario in 18 hours 51 minutes. This was 2 hours 5 minutes less than the previous record.

An American flying boat which rescued 13 U.S. airmen from the Channel was unable to rise with the load. It had to "taxi" all the way to Le Havre.

What a neck!



This ostrich from East Africa has his own opinions about being photographed at the London Zoo, and gives voice to them.

A comparatively cheap method of making sea water drinkable is reported from West Germany.

The Institute of International Education, which sponsors educational exchanges between the United States and other countries, has received a grant of 3,500,000 dollars from the Ford Foundation.



Four winning smiles

Four bright smiles from girls of the Ystrôdgyndais Nursing Cadet Corps. This team won a prize in the ambulance competition at the National Eisteddfod held recently at Aberdare.

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IS YOUR RAILWAY REALLY NECESSARY?

Dwellers in East Sussex might well be putting this question to each other just now.

For British Railways said that the old single line from East Grinstead to Lewes—known affectionately as the Bluebell and Primrose Line—was not necessary. Local inhabitants, on the other hand, said it was.

In June, 1955, as stated in C.N., the Transport Commission, amid loud protests, closed the line; but its local champions were not to be beaten so easily. They found a clause in an Act of Parliament of 1878 which required eight passenger trains along it daily and the Commission gave way on the

legal point and re-opened the line the other day.

A two-coach train, crammed to capacity with victorious Sussex folk, left Lewes. Their friends turned out at all the intermediate stations to cheer. Wild birds, for over twelve months sole users of the track, rose indignantly as the engine came puffing along its flowery embankments and leafy cuttings.

But the Transport Commission may yet have the last word. By next summer they hope to get a Bill through Parliament which will close the line for good.

Meanwhile, its doughty Sussex champions ride again.

Girl thatcher



In the Dorset village of Tolpuddle, Avril Martin helps to keep the ancient craft of thatching alive. Thought to be the only woman thatcher in the country, Avril works in the family business with her father and brother.

ACTORS WITH NO PARTS TO LEARN

Some children in the Birmingham area belong to a drama club in which they act without learning any words.

They are members of a club run by the Education Drama Association. They never have to rehearse. Someone reads a story to them or describes a situation, and they act it straight away. Sometimes, as a change, they dance to records which they are hearing for the first time.

And now they are appearing on television. The programme is called "Theatre Club" and, as when they are acting at the club itself, they go on without any rehearsal. They have no idea what they will be asked to do before the programme starts.

HOMEWORK HEROINÉ

Miss Pamela Rose of Camborne, in Cornwall, has been a cripple since she was very young, and has never been able to go to school. But she recently won a Bachelor of Arts degree at London University.

Seven years ago she gained a State scholarship, but was unable to take advantage of it. The Ministry of Education then made her a special grant so that she could continue her studies at home.

NEW BED FOR A RIVER

Soviet mining engineers and scientists working on newly-discovered iron ore deposits in the famous Donetz region of the Soviet Union have decided that as the River Saksagan, which flows nearby, is likely to interfere with mining operations then the river must go.

The newly-found deposits are estimated to contain hundreds of millions of tons of valuable metal. In order to make sure that new mines will not be flooded, the river is being taken underground away from the district.

A concrete-lined tunnel 11½ feet in diameter has already been constructed some hundreds of feet below the surface to divert the river to another stream which flows at a safe distance.

WORKING ROUND THE WORLD

When Alistair Boyd, a 22-year-old student of Wadham College, Oxford, arrived the other day in Tokyo he was at the halfway stage of a journey round the world which he started with only £5 in his pocket.

Among the places he had visited were Venezuela, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, the United States, Canada, Siberia, and South Korea. He has worked his passage by taking radio and television engagements in the United States and by working as a deck hand. He expects to be back in this country by the end of the year in a Japanese ship by way of Burma, India, Nigeria, Morocco, and Spain.

MORE WORK FOR THE BUSY LEA

The historic River Lea or Lee, which brings London about one-sixth of its water supply, is to be improved for navigation at a cost of £864,000. Flowing into the Thames at Bow, the Lea is navigable as far up as Hertford, 28 miles away, though it rises in Bedfordshire.

Boats have plied on the river since ancient times, and King Alfred bottled up a Danish fleet in it and won a great victory. Today more craft than ever use this busy waterway. On the 13½-mile stretch between the Thames and Enfield, 2,433,000 tons of merchandise was carried last year, nearly 350,000 tons more than in 1954. Half the cargoes were coal for power stations, and the rest consisted chiefly of such industrial materials as petrol, tar, timber, and non-ferrous metals.

The new scheme will open this section to the largest barges, and will also provide protection for banks, additional locks, dredging craft, and work on bridges. It is part of the British Transport Commission's £5,500,000 development plan for their principal inland waterways.

TALE OF A DUCK

Donald the duckling, following young Robert Wallers, is a familiar sight at Keynsham, near Bristol.

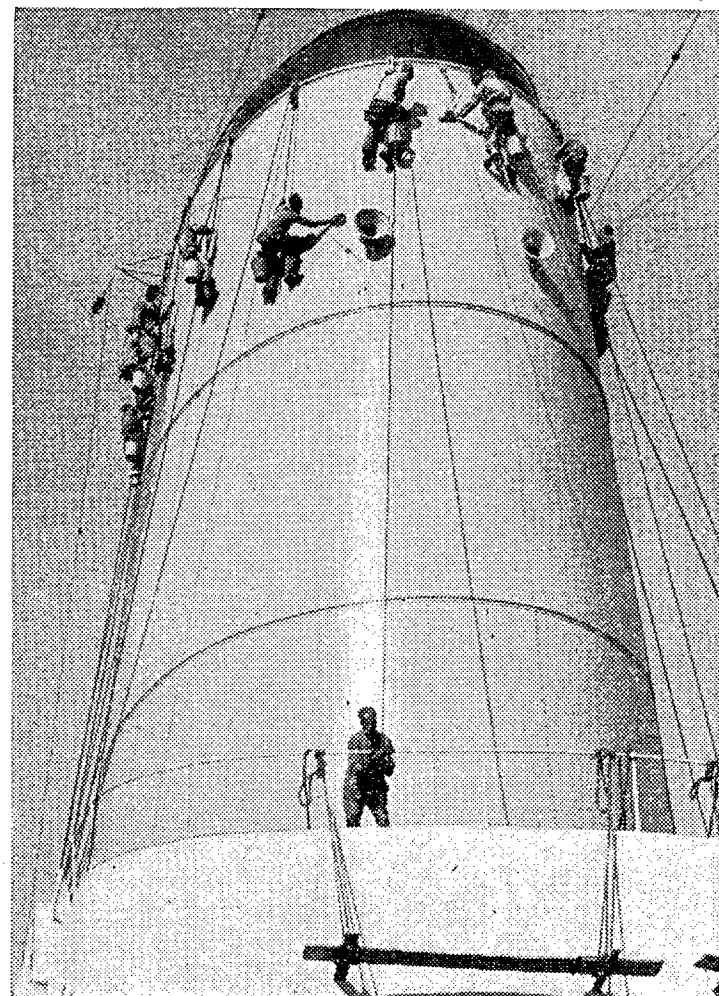
A few weeks ago Robert, who is 13, was out fishing and saved Donald from a group of young hooligans who had been stoning the bird as it swam by. One leg was crushed and the duckling was badly gashed across the stomach when Robert picked it out of the water and carried it home.

Its wounds were dressed and for two days the duckling lay wrapped up in front of a warm fire, tempted with titbits. Slowly it recovered its strength and the wounds healed.

Christened Donald, it now walks crabwise with a limp, but seems lively and cheerful, and follows young Robert as well as it can.

Outsize tyres

A fourteen-wheeled lorry is needed to carry these six huge tyres. They are used on an American crash-pusher, a machine designed to clear wrecked aircraft from runways. Each tyre costs over £2000 and is ten feet high and four feet wide.



Quick wash and brush up

A striking view of the funnel of the Arcadia, with cleaners swarming over it during the P and O liner's call at the Spanish port of Vigo.

SHOE-SHINE BOYS AT SCHOOL

When Private Kwon Ung Pal of the Korean National Police was given the task of rounding up young delinquents in the streets of Seoul at the end of the Korean War, he found that many of them acted as shoe-shine boys as a cloak for less desirable activities. He also found that education was a better answer to the problem than punishment.

So he started the Seoul Shoe-Shine Boys' School, where he patiently taught the youthful wrong-doers how to become useful citizens.

Today, as a sergeant, he is still carrying on, and his school has 650 pupils. Help has been given by United Nations organisations.

BLIND SWIMMER'S CERTIFICATE

Mr. Walter Thornton, of Birmingham, who was blinded in the war, has passed a life-saving test while on holiday in France with members of a Youth Club, of which he is joint secretary.

At one point he had to swim 30 yards, lift a sack of stones sunk in eight feet of water, and swim ashore with it. At his first attempt he dived, and mistakenly lifted a concrete block to which a marker buoy was attached. Then he tried again, found the sack and took it ashore.

Officials of the Fédération Nationale de Sauvetage who were watching awarded him the French life-saving certificate. And as a result of his example, 12 of the lads with him also passed the test.

FARNBOROUGH STORY

Two men who know all about flying have joined forces in writing an excellent illustrated history of the Farnborough Air Display. Farnborough Story by Roy McLeavy and Maurice F. Allward (Fetter Publications, 5s.) is really the inside story of this thrilling annual event.

The first show was held at Hendon, when the fastest plane on view was the 218 m.p.h. Vickers Jockey and was watched by fewer than 1000 visitors. At peak periods at Farnborough next week up to 600 people a minute will pass through the turnstiles.

Farnborough Story is truly a story of progress. Finely illustrated, it is an exciting book, and one every schoolboy will revel in.

RADIO AND TV

ROUND THE WORLD IN A SAILING SHIP

SEAMANSHIP, most experts agree, is best learnt in sailing ships. Watching ships being sailed is a fine introduction to the art, too, and a wonderful chance occurs on BBC Television in the next six weeks. Starting this Wednesday, viewers are to have six programmes by Alan Villiers, the man whose wealth of sailing experience has won him the command of the Mayflower replica which is to sail the Atlantic.

Vividly illustrated with film taken by Villiers on voyages all over the world, the programmes will be given fortnightly on Wednesdays, with a shortened repeat in Children's TV on each of the

following Thursdays. Peter Scott will join Alan Villiers in each programme.

Born in Australia in 1903, Alan Villiers became an ordinary seaman in Cape Horn square-rigged ships. By the time he joined his first full-rigged ship, the Grace Harwar, he was taking photos. In the early 1930s he bought his own little full-rigged ship, Joseph Conrad, and sailed round the world. During the war he commanded a squadron of landing craft.

This week Villiers' films will include one on rounding Cape Horn 25 years ago, and one of the recent Tall Ships race from Torbay to Lisbon.



Captain Villiers (left) discussing the Mayflower II with Mr. Stuart Upham, in whose yard the vessel is being built

Asking Pickles all over the country

WILFRED PICKLES gave me some interesting news when I talked to him recently about next Saturday's Ask Pickles in the TV Arena on the last day of the National Radio Show.

In October, he said, he is taking Ask Pickles to towns and villages all over the country in the same way as 'Have a Go'. Wherever he and Mabel turn up for Ask Pickles, a television mobile unit will be there, too.

"People are ten times more interested when we go to them," said Wilfred. "It isn't the same when they have to come all the way down to London to be televised."

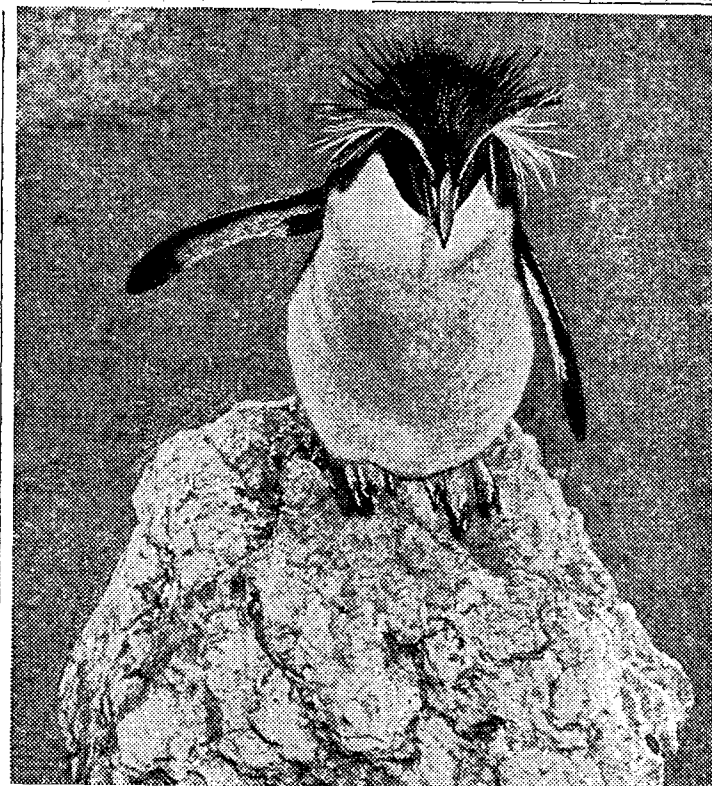
By the way, next Saturday's show in the Arena will enable Wilfred and Mabel to fulfil many big-scale requests that were quite impossible in the ordinary TV studio. What the requests are must remain a secret until Saturday.

A home of their own

GIRLS who enjoy the funny side of housekeeping, or like changing the furniture around, should tune in BBC Children's Hour this Friday.

Cherry Tree Cottage, by Mrs. G. M. Wilson, is a play about a mother and three children who find themselves in uncomfortable lodgings on their return to England from Malaya. Then someone offers them Cherry Tree Cottage in the country. Making it habitable is a big job but they love it because the cottage will be their very own.

I am told this play was a great success when first broadcast five years ago.



On the rocks

A handsome crest is the distinguishing feature of this rock-hopper penguin sunning himself at the London Zoo.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Poet's books burned

AUGUST 27, 1660. LONDON—All the copies of two books written by the famous poet Mr. John Milton were today publicly burned by the common hangman.

The resolution condemning the books to be destroyed was passed by the House of Commons on June 6 last, eight days after the restored King Charles II had entered London in triumph.

The two books, *Iconoclastes* (the Image-Breaker) and *Defensio Pro Populo Anglicano* (Defence of the English People), were anti-

royalist, and in them Mr. Milton wrote on how to establish a free Commonwealth and rid the country of tyrants like King Charles.

So that he might escape any punishment for his support of the Commonwealth his friends spread about rumours of his death and are even said to have arranged a mock funeral for him. It is understood that although the Royalists did not believe the story of his death no very diligent search was made for him, for he had good friends at Court.

Sir Richard Grenville killed

AUGUST 31, 1591. THE AZORES—Sir Richard Grenville, the famous English seaman who was one of the heroes in the defeat of the Spanish Armada three years ago, died today aboard a Spanish man-of-war.

Sir Richard was second-in-command of Lord Thomas Howard's squadron sent earlier this year to the Azores to intercept a fleet of Spanish treasure ships. Sir Richard was appointed to *The Revenge*, the 500-ton warship with a complement of 250 men, which had carried Drake's flag against the Armada.

To protect his treasure ships the King of Spain detached a fleet of 53 ships and when news of their

approach was brought to Lord Thomas Howard, the English admiral decided to retreat with his force of only 16 ships.

Sir Richard, however, refused to follow his commander. Instead he tried to sail his ship right through the Spanish fleet. But the great galleons were so much higher out of the water than *The Revenge* that no wind reached her sails. She was becalmed and lay motionless. The enemy closed in. But for 15 hours he held them at bay, sank four of their ships and killed 2000 of their men.

When at last Sir Richard had to surrender he was carried, fatally wounded, aboard the Spanish Admiral's ship.

Milk fair abolished

SEPTEMBER 1, 1885. LONDON—The "milk fair" which has long been a quaint and popular sight in St. James's Park is to be abolished, and an order to that effect was officially announced today.

The five sheds which housed the "fair" in the park are to be removed and the cows are to be driven from the spot.

For many years now children have patronised the St. James's "milk fair," stopping there to buy glasses of milk, straight from the cow, or a dish of curds and whey.

During recent years, however, the "fair" lost its former standard of cleanliness and the order to close it has been made on the grounds of hygiene.

Sportsmen in the Arena

PETER MAY, the England cricket captain, is one among sporting celebrities expected in this Wednesday's Arena Sportsview in BBC Television. Producer Alan Rees tells me he is hoping to have Lock and Laker in a bowling-at-the-wicket contest with Statham and Tyson. Other famous cricketers will be seen using a machine for practising catches in the slips.

If Reg Harris wins the world cycle championship at Copenhagen, it is hoped to show him on the Eurovision link.

Though there is no water in the Arena, there will be a diving contest. The divers will plunge into huge spring mattresses called trampolines.

Talking Tests

With the England-Australia Test Matches over, Sir Donald Bradman will be talking about them in BBC Television at 7.20 this Thursday evening. He has strong views about how cricket might be brightened up and will discuss them with R. W. V. Robins.

Snoozy is one year old

SNOOZY the Sea Lion, who pops up every other Thursday in the Associated-Rediffusion Children's Programme, hasn't changed a bit since I first set eyes on him. But Dorothy Smith, who shares the screen with Snoozy, reminded me he is nearly a year older than when he first took the plunge in TV (his birthday is in September) but is just as mischievous as ever.

Speaking of his early days last year, she mentioned that Woolf Goldberg, who designed Snoozy, meant him at first to be a dachshund. Second thoughts were best, and Snoozy is now one of the most beloved creatures in TV. His talking is done with a tiny hooter played by girls from the Guildhall School of Music.

Dorothy Smith, by the way, is one of the story-tellers in the BBC's *Listen With Mother* programme and also Mrs. Hood in *The Archers*.

ERNEST THOMSON.



Dorothy Smith with Snoozy the Sea Lion

SHOWING THEIR PACES AT FARNBOROUGH NEXT WEEK

WATCHERS at a Wiltshire airfield a few days ago saw a needle-nosed jet plane flash across at roof-top height, then roar skywards in a breathtaking supersonic climb.

The plane was the record-breaking Fairey Delta 2, flown by test-pilot Peter Twiss. He and other leading British test pilots have recently been busy rehearsing the demonstrations they will give next week at Farnborough, in Hampshire, at the 17th Air Display of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors.

About 20,000 air experts from all parts of the world have been invited to Farnborough this year to see Britain's new aircraft. Although it is strictly a national affair, the Farnborough Display has become the principal international aeronautical event. It has proved a wonderful "shop window" for British aviation.

In the vast Exhibition Hall will be the stands of some 340 exhibitors, displaying an incredible assortment of wares, from helicopters to hacksaw blades.

As in previous years the Show will fill a dual role. From Monday to Thursday it will be a "sample fair" for the Society's guests, but from Friday to Sunday it will become a spectacular air review for the British public.

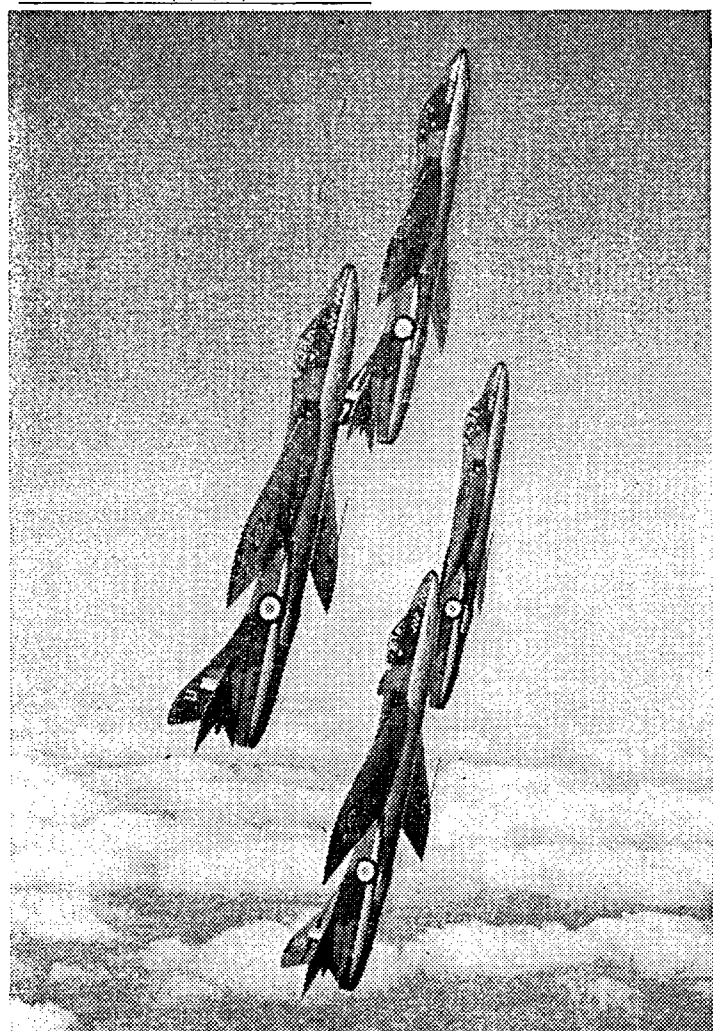
NEWCOMERS

Demonstrations will be given by helicopters, airliners, and freight planes; by swept-wing fighters and delta-wing bombers; by aircraft of all types reflecting the progress of British aviation in this age of speed.

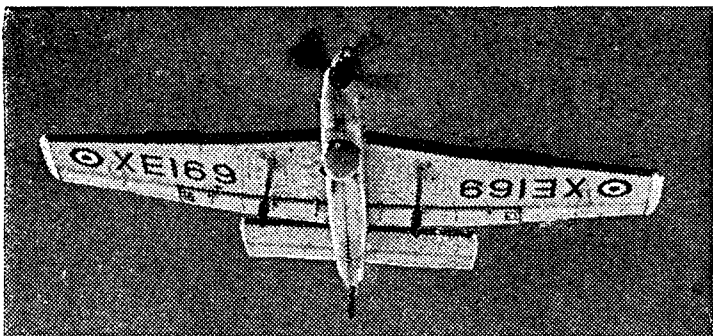
Newcomers this year include the Vickers-Supermarine N.113, the Royal Navy's first fully supersonic fighter; the Scorpion-Canberra, a fast-flying "test-bed" fitted with Britain's powerful new rocket engine; and the Hunting Percival President transport plane.

A Hunter fitted with a reverse-thrust Avon engine will show how this astonishing new invention can halve a jet plane's landing run (it is to be fitted to American Comets). Two new versions of the Javelin "flying triangle" will also be seen, one of them a trainer version equipped with dual controls.

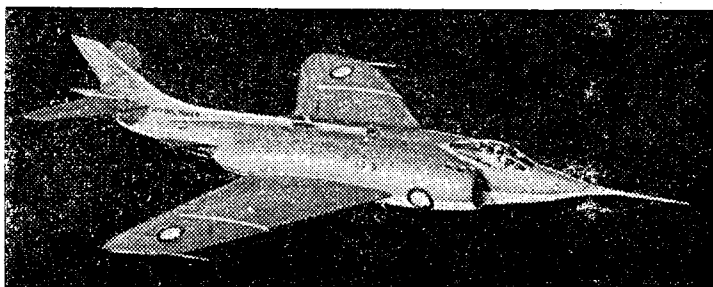
Flying over Farnborough each day, but not landing, will be the 1000 m.p.h. English Electric P.1, which will be put through its paces by Roland Beamont.



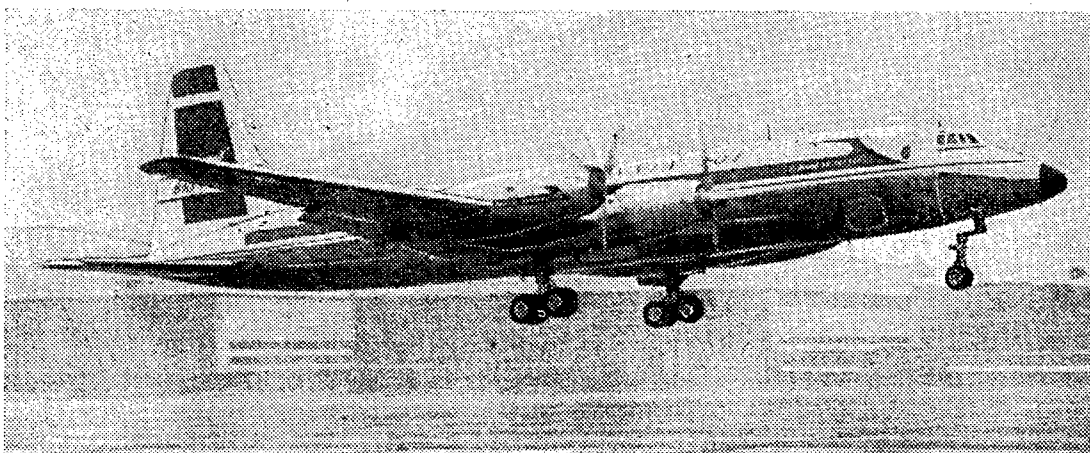
Hawker Hunters of the R.A.F. aerobatic team



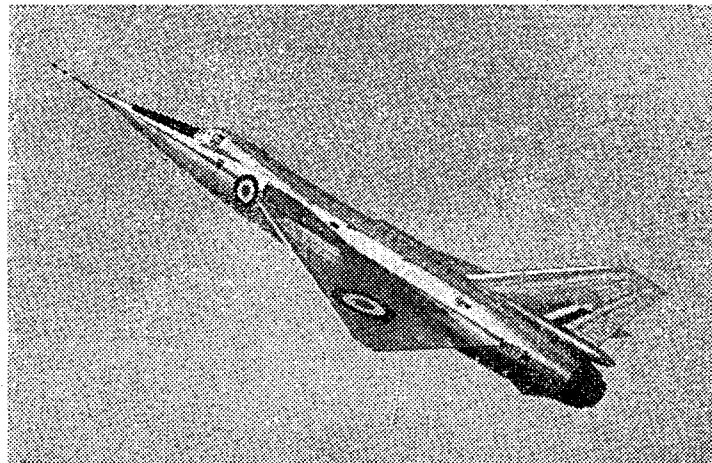
The Short Seamew, used for anti-submarine and reconnaissance work



One of the highlights of the Display will be the first public appearance of the Fleet Air Arm's newest jet fighter, the N.113



A new giant of the airways, the long-range version of the Britannia which will go into service next year



The Fairey Delta 2, holder of the world speed record of 1132 m.p.h.

In the daily helicopter "circus" will be many different types of British helicopters: the Skeeter, the Whirlwind, the Bristol 171 and 173, Westland Widgeon, and the Fairey ultra-light rotorplane.

Underlining the success of the Viscount and Britannia in the revolutionary world of jet transport are two new versions of these turboprop airliners. This year visitors will see for the first time the Viscount 800 and the long-nosed Britannia 300.

The new Viscount, known as the Viscount Major, carries more passengers, has more powerful engines, and a higher cruising speed; the new Britannia, when fitted with long-range tanks, will be one of the first aircraft able to fly a non-stop service over the Atlantic every day of the year in

either direction. This is exceptionally difficult because the strong west-to-east headwinds of the winter months have the effect of increasing the outward journey to America by 1000 miles.

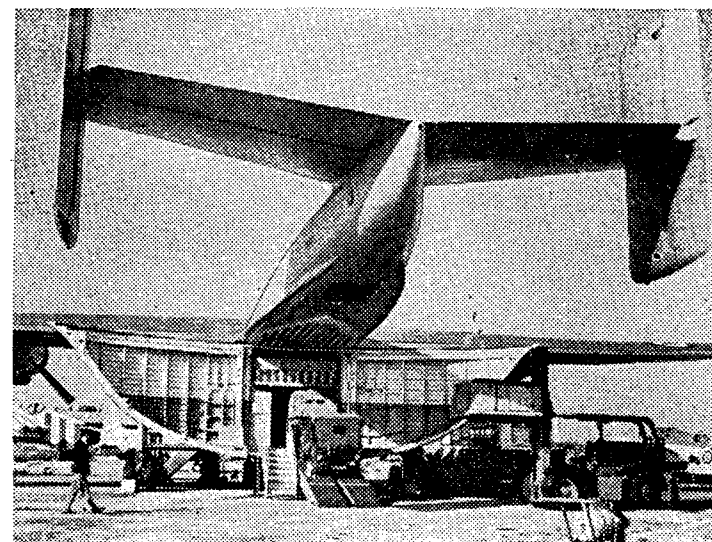
Another exhibit that should attract attention will be the movable nose section of the Fairey Delta 2, the plane which last March set the world's official speed record for aircraft at 1132 m.p.h. The whole nose, from a point just behind the cockpit, can be tilted down through ten degrees to give the pilot a better forward view of the ground.

Aircraft, engines, accessories, electronics. This year the Farnborough Display will be the most representative and impressive ever staged by the British aircraft industry.

R. M.



The Westland Widgeon, one of Britain's latest helicopters



The Blackburn Beverley ready to receive its huge load

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NEW SONGS FOR OLD

A SCIENTIST is to make tape-recordings of bird-song in New Zealand, for a very special reason.

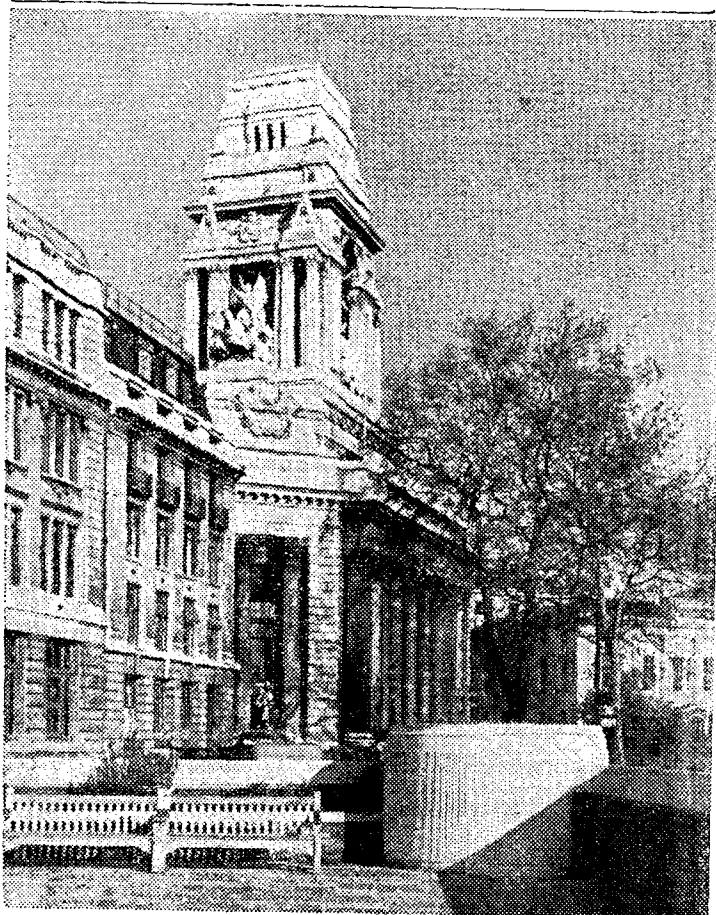
About 85 years ago many thrushes, blackbirds, larks, linnets, and other European birds were taken in cages to the Dominion and then released.

They have flourished in the countryside there, but it is thought possible that they may have developed new songs. After all, New Zealanders themselves speak English with a distinctive accent, so why should not the birds there have acquired their own melodious dialects?

Tape-recordings will provide the answer, but it will probably be found that there has been little change. Doubtless the New Zealand thrush, like Browning's wise thrush in the blossomed pear tree in the hedge, still

... sings each song twice over
Lest you should think he never
could recapture
The first fine careless rapture.

And who would have it otherwise?



OUR HOMELAND

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The Editor's Table

THE PERFECT PARSON

WHAT are the qualities needed to make the perfect parson? Many and varied, according to the Rev. Kenneth Law, Vicar of Ossett, Yorkshire. In his parish magazine he has given this comprehensive list.

He must have the strength of an ox, the tenacity of a bulldog, the daring of a lion, the learning of a professor, the industry of a beaver, the meekness of a lamb, the hide of a rhinoceros, the disposition of an angel, the loyalty of an apostle, the faithfulness of an evangelist, the devotion of a mother, the justice of a Solomon, the eloquence of an archangel, the voice of a dove, the generosity of a Rothschild.

Quite a tall order! As Mr. Law himself added: "One can only say that such a vicar would indeed be a rare bird."

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, September 4, 1926

THE next step in travelling about the world is at hand. An aeroplane with sleeping berths is shortly to carry passengers between London and Berlin. It is appropriately called the Albatross, which is the sea-bird that sleeps on the wing.

The man-made Albatross will have two sleeping-berths for those of its eight passengers who can sleep at night when the giant plane is purring its way over land and sea between the glimpses of the Moon.

If this is the next step what will be the next but one?

Prize for the plain-clothes band

TWENTY-FOUR bands went marching through the streets of Fairford, Gloucestershire, resplendent in bright colours and gold braid. With them was one other band in ordinary clothes. It had been newly-formed and had not had time to obtain uniforms.

Nevertheless, it was these plain-clothes players, from Daventry, Northants, who won first prize for playing the best march in the carnival procession.

Clothes are said to make the man, but they obviously do not make the band.

Olympic fashions



The outfits for Britain's Olympic team were shown in London recently. The women will wear white dresses and blue blazers, and the men white flannels and blue blazers. The firms which have helped to supply the clothes have been so generous that the women's uniforms will cost the British Olympic Association only £15 instead of the actual price of about £70.

Think on These Things

WHEN Jesus came to Jerusalem before his crucifixion He found that part of the Temple was being used as a market-place. Traders were selling animals for the sacrifices, and money-changers were busy. Angry that God's house should be used in such a way, Jesus drove out the traders, for God's house is to be a place of prayer.

The church in the place where we live is a house of prayer.

Most churches stand open during the week in order that we may use them. It is a good thing when we pass a church to go in for a moment or so, and to kneel and pray.

We can use our own church at home in this way, and so help to make it what it should be—a house of prayer. O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

As Charles Dickens wrote: A word in earnest is as good as a speech.

THEY SAY...

I HOPE to sell Britannias worth 200 million dollars to United States air lines.

Mr. Peter Masefield, Managing Director, Bristol Aeroplane Company

THE best way of settling problems is not by decrying or defaming the other side but by showing respect for it.

Mr. Nehru, Prime Minister of India

THE golden rule about sun glasses is never to wear them except for some specific purpose, and always to remove them when not essential to comfort.

Magazine of the Association of Optical Practitioners

QUIZ CORNER

1. What is the fastest four-legged animal in the world?
2. Which is the longest bone in the human body?
3. What is the largest city in Wales?
4. What King of Great Britain had the longest reign?
5. Which book is the World's Best Seller?
6. Which is the Earth's closest neighbour in space?

Answers on page 12

Out and About

WHEN the corn was still standing many wild flowers might have been noted among the tall stalks. But only the smallest plants survived the harvesting, the red and the white champions.

Now the fields are but stubble the red champions seem less common there, though easily found under the sheltered hedgerows. But the white champions seem everywhere in the fields during the evenings.

Why evenings? Because only then, in the dewy coolness, do they open fully and release their perfume which attracts the moths and small flies. In the daytime they seem to have no scent.

One particularly attractive kind of white champion grows in turf near the sea. It is smaller than the other kinds but it also has the sweet night fragrance.

C. D. D.

IN EVERYONE'S POWER

THE amount of happiness you can produce is incalculable, if you show a smiling face, and speak pleasant words. There is no joy like that which springs from a kind act, or pleasant deed: and you may feel it at nights when you rest, and at morning when you rise: and through all the day when about your business.

Marie d'Agoult (1805-1876)

The Children's Newspaper, September 1, 1956

Next Week's Birthdays

September 2

John Howard (1726-1790). Philanthropist. While on a

voyage to Portugal his ship was captured and he was thrown into a French prison. Later, when High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, he began visiting English prisons and spent the rest of his life working to improve conditions of life in gaol both at home and abroad.



September 3

Eugène de Beauharnais (1781-1824). French soldier. His widowed mother, Josephine, married Napoleon, and Eugène's military skill soon won the emperor's attention. He commanded the Italian contingent during the retreat from Moscow.

September 4

Alfred Guillaume Gabriel, Count D'Orsay (1801-1852). Sculptor and painter. An officer in the French army he came to England for the coronation of George IV and eventually became one of the most brilliant figures in Regency London. He drew most of the famous society figures of his time.

September 5

Stuart Hibberd (1893). BBC announcer. After leaving the army he joined the BBC at Savoy Hill in 1924. For nearly 30 years his voice was one of the best-known in Britain.

September 6

Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834). French soldier. He fitted out a ship to help the American colonists against England, fought on their side for two years and became a friend of George Washington.

September 7

William Friese-Greene (1855-1921). Inventor of the cinema camera. Many inventions of a similar kind were made soon afterwards, but his was recognised as the world's master patent. His first moving pictures were of the traffic at Hyde Park Corner.

Unhappily, his work brought him little profit, and he remained poor until the end of his days. In recent years the whole cinema industry has paid tribute to him.

September 8

Ludovico Ariosto (1474-1533). Italian poet, famous for one great romantic work, the Orlando Furioso. Orlando is the Italian form of Roland, the great hero of Charlemagne's wars against the Saracens, and that struggle forms the background of the poem.

NEW FILMS

NEW WESTERN AND OLD CHAPLIN

NEARLY everybody enjoys a good Western film, and *The Searchers* is a very good one indeed. It was directed by John Ford, a great film director who made some of the Westerns that are classics of their kind—*Stagecoach*, for instance.

As the title suggests, it is the story of a search. It begins in



John Wayne

1868, three years after the end of the American Civil War, when Ethan Edwards rides back to the ranch in Texas that he owns with his brother Aaron.

The ranch is in hostile Indian country, and before very long Aaron and all the older members of his family are massacred by the Indians while Ethan and a young adopted son of the family, Martin, are out on a false alarm. Aaron's two young daughters, one of them still a child, are kidnapped by the Indians.

Then the search for them begins, and lasts a very long time. We see Ethan and Martin following their trail for months and years. Soon they find that the elder of the two daughters has been killed, but they keep on hoping to rescue the younger one, Debbie.

Every now and then—when the winter snows make it impossible for them to go on camping in the open—they return to the ranch of a friend, Jorgensen.

There we meet other picturesque characters, including "Captain the Rev. Sam Clayton"—a parson, but also a Captain in the Texas Rangers, and very ready with his gun.

The two searchers are not at ease together, for Ethan has a bitter hatred of all Indians, and Martin has some Indian blood. And at last, when they manage to catch up with Scar, the Indian chief, and rescue Debbie (now a young woman), it turns out that she has been brought up as an Indian squaw!

TREE-TRUNK PUMP

An example of an early type of piston pump has been found in the Starkholmes Mine at Matlock, Derbyshire. Made from a hollowed tree trunk and over 500 years old, the pump was found 60 feet below the level of the River Derwent and is well preserved.

John Wayne as Ethan is splendid in the sort of part he has played many times before—the tough, slow-spoken, sardonic Westerner. Another man you will probably remember is Ward Bond who plays the burly and cheerful fighting parson.

But perhaps the most impressive feature of the film is the wonderful scenery, with its "mesas" standing up in the desert like tremendous castles. VistaVision and Technicolor have some magnificent sights to show here.

ONE of the famous old films made by Charlie Chaplin has just been reissued; and it is the one that many people think is the best of all—*The Gold Rush*. Originally made more than 30 years ago as a silent film, this new version has specially-written music and a commentary by Charlie Chaplin himself.

All the fun, however, is the fun that was there to begin with, and exceedingly funny it still is. In the film, Charlie is a "lone prospector" looking for gold in Alaska. Amid the snow and ice he still wears his famous costume, the bowler hat and the baggy trousers. The cabin he shares with Big Jim, another prospector, is



Charlie Chaplin

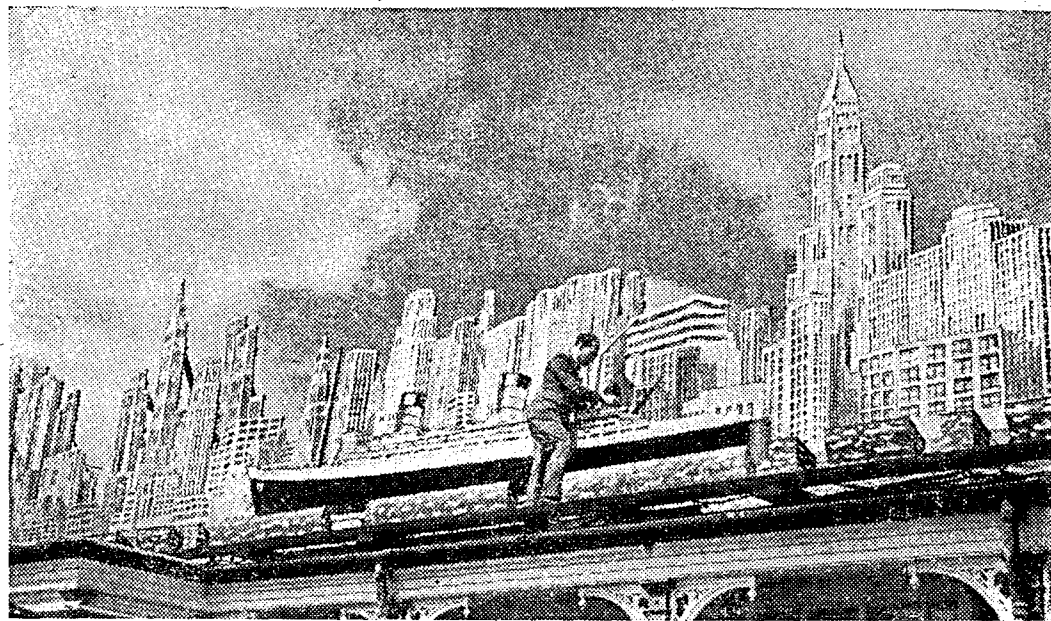
the scene of some of the comic incidents that are always mentioned when Charlie Chaplin's name comes up.

One is the "dance of the rolls," where he sticks forks into two rolls of bread and manipulates them as if they were legs and feet in a fantastic dance; and another, even more famous, is the scene where he cooks and eats one of his boots.

Charlie Chaplin is a great man in the history of films and his work is constantly quoted. Those of you who have never seen *The Gold Rush* should certainly make a point of seeing it.

IN ORDER OF POPULARITY

Travel agencies report that 155,000 Americans went to Rome this year against 140,000 last year, and 128,658 to Paris compared with the previous year's 87,704. London came third with 100,107 American visitors during the first six months of this year compared with 87,570 last year.



Skyscrapers at Southend

An electrician works on a model of the Queen Elizabeth seen against the famous New York skyline. This is one of the features of the illuminations at Southend-on-Sea.

Challenge of the desert

At the tiny remote settlement of Birdsville, in the far south-west of Queensland, a small memorial is to be set up in honour of Edward Colson, a grazier who 20 years ago achieved the astonishing feat of crossing Simpson Desert in 16 days.

Simpson Desert, which stretches for 200 miles west of Birdsville, comprises some 56,000 square miles of wasteland ribbed with parallel sand ridges up to 100 feet high. Rivers flow into it during infrequent wet seasons, but in temperatures of 120 degrees the water quickly evaporates; or soaks away. As early as 1844 explorers and stockmen made attempts to cross it. Some were driven back either by heat and lack of water; others perished amid the dunes.

Early airmen also avoided the region for fear of forced landings, and it was not until 1929 that three flights were made over it by Dr. C. T. Madigan, Professor of Geology at Adelaide University. He suggested that it be named after Mr. A. Simpson, President of the South Australian branch of the Royal Geographical Society, who had helped to organise the aerial survey.

DOUBLE SUCCESS

Edward Colson, who lived on the edge of this bleak land at a spot 200 miles west of Birdsville, vowed that one day he would conquer it. In 1936, having waited for an exceptionally wet season, he crossed it on a camel with only an Aborigine boy as his companion. Not content with reaching Birdsville, the pair went back across the desert, reducing their time to 15 days.

Since then it has been crossed on land only once; that was in 1939, when Dr. Madigan and a party of nine chose a wet winter to drive across in a tractor—they had to negotiate 74 sandhills in one day.

Inland Australians are devoted to the memory of their pioneers, and their memorial to Edward Colson will be a lasting tribute to a man who typified the spirit of the "Outback," the never-say-die spirit that dares to try where others have failed.

EXPLAINING THE NEW TAX

A tax-collector will soon be one of the best-known figures in Norway.

A fictitious figure called "Tax collector Eriksen" is to appear in a serial of 25 instalments in over 160 Norwegian newspapers during the next few months, to explain the "Pay As You Earn" Income Tax scheme.

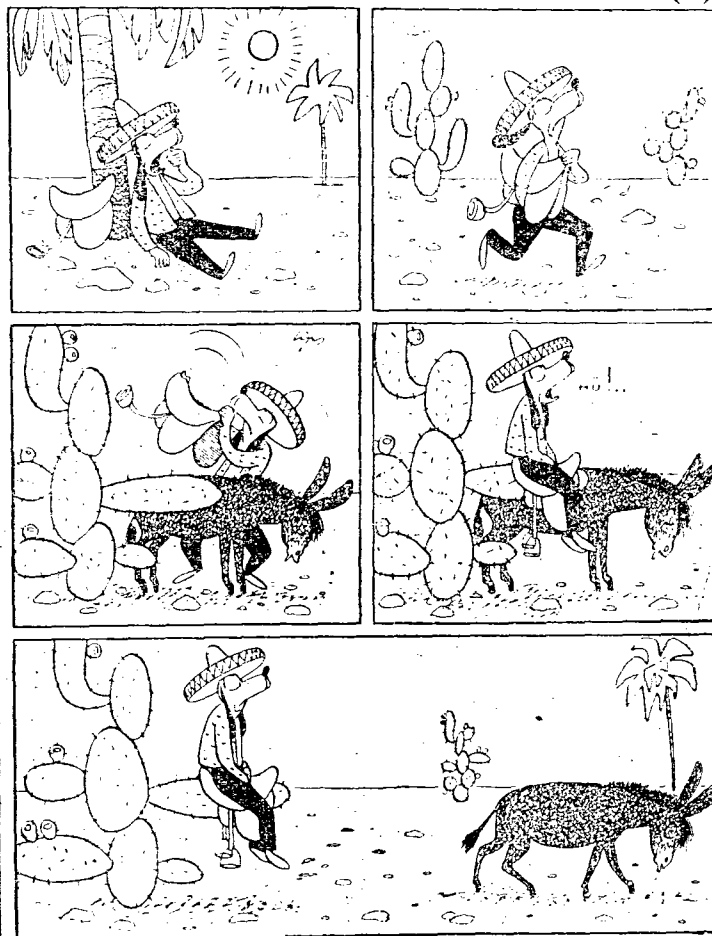
Norwegians have always paid their taxes in arrears, not currently; but the P.A.Y.E. scheme, so effective in Britain, comes into force in the New Year, and the Norwegian Parliament has voted a sum of £75,000 for a press publicity campaign.

THE GLORY THAT WAS GREECE

A plan for restoring the famous hill stronghold of Athens called the Acropolis with its wonderful buildings has been announced by Mr. Demetrius Flores, a Greek architect. Mr. Flores, an authority on the ancient civilisation of his country, claims that the partial restoration already reported in the C.N. is insufficient.

So it is to the world at large that he has made his appeal. He proposes that copies of the original statues and carvings should be made by eminent sculptors and then, after complete restoration, the Acropolis could become a world museum.

OUR DUMB FRIEND BELLO (7)





Smile, please!

Annette Taylor, the only girl in the Taylor Quads, of Edmonton, takes a holiday picture of her three brothers in Epping Forest.

1560 m p h ON LAND

A rocket sled, used by scientists to test components of high speed aircraft, has travelled at the record speed of 1560 m.p.h.—more than twice the speed of sound at sea level.

The sled is in use at Muroc, California, for testing the effect of rain on planes flying at this terrific speed. At 1500 m.p.h. a plane flying through rain can have the paint stripped off its wings, almost as if a sandblasting machine had been at work.

Powered by four big rocket engines, and carrying an exposed section of an airframe, the sled races through simulated rainstorms along a 10,000-foot railway track.

Stopping the sled has proved more of a problem than reaching supersonic speeds, but a standard water brake has been found effective. This involves a scoop below the sled frame which digs into a trough of water.

Rainfall is scarce in this particular part of California, so the effect is produced by hundreds of sprinkler nozzles along each side of a 1200-foot section of the track. A special device has been developed to regulate the amount of artificial rain sprayed in the sled's path.

ROBBERY UNDER ARMS

In the final instalment of The Shackleton Saga on this page we say goodbye to a very gallant gentleman. Next week we shall begin to make the acquaintance of adventurers of a different order—the bushrangers in Rolf Boldrewood's Australian classic, Robbery Under Arms.

This is a racy yarn about life in the Australian wilds and the gold diggings just over a century ago. It is as fresh today as when it was first published, in 1888, because the author knew his subject perfectly and chose to tell his tale in the simple language of one of his characters.

Rolf Boldrewood's real name was Thomas Alexander Browne. Born in England in 1830, he was taken by his parents to Australia when he was four and went to one of Sydney's first schools. He became a farmer early in life but at the age of 41 was appointed a police magistrate and goldfields commissioner.

A big, powerfully-built man, he was an expert horseman and loved

to roam the uncharted bush of his day. The outlaws he describes so authentically were well known to him; many came up before him when he was a magistrate. Some were downright evil, but for others he evidently felt some sympathy, and one of these was Starlight, leader of the bushrangers in the story. Starlight was a sort of Australian Robin Hood, a man who had taken to bushranging from sheer love of adventure.

Thomas Browne died near Melbourne in 1915, having given the world some vivid and permanent records of a nation's "growing pains."

HIS RABBITS WIN PRIZES GALORE

John Glead of Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, is a 14-year-old boy who began keeping rabbits last October. Now he has 90.

At a recent show at Chesham he won 20 prizes with them, including 11 firsts, and he has since won a silver cup and a shield at High Wycombe.

MOUNTAINEERING ON FOUR LEGS

The fascination of mountain-climbing appeals not only to human beings but also, apparently, to some dogs.

Not long ago, for instance, Maccabco, a three-year-old Irish setter, set out on his own and climbed to a height of 15,000 feet near Monte Rosa. Not content with that, he has now journeyed by himself over the Col de Lys from Italy into Switzerland.

He disappeared one morning from his home on the Italian side of the frontier and was seen trotting up the Carstelet Glacier towards the Pass. He then made his way down the dangerous Grenz Glacier and arrived, somewhat exhausted, in Zermatt, where friends of his owner cared for him until he could be returned to Italy by train.

BOOTS FOR MONTY

Maccabco is not the only climbing dog, however. During the last war Monty, a wire-haired terrier, who was owned by a Swiss girl named Erika, climbed the 13,475 feet of the Rimpfischhorn. He was with his mistress and Bernard Biner, chief guide of Zermatt, as far as the summit and refused to be roped. Then they all made the difficult descent down to the glacier above the Britannia Hut. Here Monty cut his feet on the ice so Bernard Biner made him four little boots so that he could reach the Hut. After a night's rest and a good deal of licking Monty was quite recovered and the party descended safely.

Westcott was another mountain-climber. A golden cocker spaniel, he was the mascot of St. John's College, Durham, and achieved his fame as a rock climber in the Lake District. He went with a college party to Helvellyn and made the ascent by the rocky Striding Edge. On those pitches which were too much for his short legs he waited patiently on a con-

venient ledge until he could be handed up. He walked triumphantly across the summit and descended by the even more exciting Swirral Edge. Lunch was taken en route and it was remarked by the students that Westcott's appetite was in no way spoilt by the altitude.

But the greatest dog mountaineer lived nearly eighty years ago and was the pioneer of canine climbing. She was a lady, too, and there were not so many women mountaineers in those days. Her name was Tschingel—she was "nearly a beagle"—and she belonged to the great Swiss guide Christian Almer.

Almer climbed with the famous American mountaineer W. B. Coolidge and his aunt, Miss Brevoort. Together they conquered over one hundred peaks—Tschingel being roped through a ring attached to her collar. Tschingel died at last, full of years and honour, and lies buried at Dorking in Surrey under a little memorial hewn out of Alpine rock.

Friend in need



Veronica Strong's job at Brighton is to help visitors. She can answer queries in many languages.

THE SHACKLETON SAGA—picture-story of a great Antarctic explorer (final instalment)



In the hut Shackleton found a letter saying that the men he had come to rescue were at Scott's old base. Later a group of them reached the ship with bad news. One of their party had died, others were missing. The survivors told a moving tale of their terrible hardships in laying the food depots which Shackleton would have used if he had carried out his plan of crossing Antarctica.



After a fruitless search for the missing men, Shackleton returned to England. The First World War was in its third year, and he at once volunteered. He worked for the Information Service, then went as an Army major to the Murmansk front in northern Russia, taking charge of Arctic equipment. He was glad to be back in snowclad regions and wrote home of "all the glory of this wonderful North."



After the war Shackleton prepared another expedition, with financial help from an old schoolfriend, Mr. John Rowett. His object this time was not to explore the mainland, but to study the geography of Antarctica, make scientific observations, and visit little-known islands. On September 18, 1921, he left London in his small vessel, the Quest. He was never to return.



At South Georgia, in the night of January 5, 1922, the great explorer died suddenly of a heart attack. The doctor broke the news to the men of the Quest next morning. They buried him there, knowing that he would have wished to lie at this outpost of the Far South he loved. They decided to carry on the expedition, remembering the motto he had so often quoted to them: "Never for me the lowered banner, never the lost endeavour."

Next week: a picture-version of Rolf Boldrewood's great Australian yarn, Robbery Under Arms

THANKS TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

The boys in Dormitory 4 are planning a feast, and Jennings has been persuaded to undertake the shopping for it.

14. Shopping list

THE next morning during break Jennings made out a shopping list. *Things for Irish Stew* he wrote on the memoranda page in his diary. After that he wrote:

Bacon	Some rashers
Sausages . . .	Enough for five
Suet Dumplings	Ready made
Onions	As many as poss
Potatoes . . .	About three each
Doughnuts . . .	

He was just debating in his mind whether the doughnuts should be added to the main dish or eaten as a separate course, when the other members of his dormitory came into the common-room to hand over their contributions.

The postal order for two shillings, which Temple produced with a flourish, was made out in his name and had been signed by him at the bottom in a properly legal manner. There was, however, one puzzling feature which Jennings queried at once.

"What's all this crossing out on the front of it?" he demanded suspiciously. "Someone's scribbled two lines right across it—in ink, too, so we can't rub them out."

In kind

"That's perfectly all right. My uncle's crossed it," Temple hastened to explain. "You're allowed to do that with postal orders."

"What's the point of that?"

Temple was not sure. "Just to give you a choice, I suppose. Some people prefer their postal orders with crosses on them, just as other people like their tea with sugar in it."

Satisfied, Jennings placed the contribution on the table. "Righto. Who's next?" he asked.

There came a clinking of glass as Venables set down four empty lemonade bottles on the common-room table. "Voilà!" he said. "Twopence back on each bottle and there's the eightpence I promised you."

Jennings was reluctant to accept contributions in kind, instead of in cash; but the donor assured him that there would not be any difficulty in collecting the deposit.

"Any shop that sells lemonade will give you twopence back on the bottle," Venables explained. "I brought these back at the beginning of term, and I've been saving the empties for a rainy day."

Lastly came a donation from Darbishire. "Four brand new completely unused twopenny-half-penny stamps to the value of tenpence," he announced as he produced them from his writing case.

"They may not take stamps at

the shop," Jennings demurred, eyeing the creased specimens with disfavour.

"They're bound to. It's a post office as well, you know, so they'll probably be glad of them. They can easily sell them again."

"All right, then," Jennings agreed. "Let's see how much we've got. My one-and-seven in cash, a two-shilling postal order, tenpence in stamps, and eightpence in empty lemonade bottles. That's—er—um—five-and-a-penny all told."

The total was received with wild acclaim.

"Jolly good! You'll be able to buy masses of Irish stew for that!"



Jennings was reluctant to accept contributions in kind

said Temple. "And you're going to cook it in the biscuit tin, aren't you, Atki?"

The chef smiled brightly to conceal the doubts that had been assailing him ever since his rash promise had been accepted. How did one set about making a stew? he wondered. For half an hour after breakfast he had searched through the shelves of the school library for a cookery book, but he had been unable to find anything which was helpful in the slightest degree. The encyclopedia which he had consulted, though devoting three pages to Irish history, had had nothing to say about Irish stew. Aloud he said: "Actually I've never made a stew before, but I think I'll be able to manage all right."

Recipe

"It's dead easy," Venables told him. "All you've got to do is bung the ingredients in the biscuit tin, cover them with water and let them boil till they're done."

"And how long will that take?"

Venables shrugged. "I couldn't say. You'll just have to keep an eye on it. Of course, if you ram the lid of the biscuit tin down hard enough you'll be able to make a home-made pressure cooker and then it'd be done in half the time."

The bell for the end of break

put a stop to further discussion, and the boys hurried off to their classroom well satisfied with the way in which their plans were shaping.

The boys were lining up for lunch in the lobby outside the dining room as Matron came downstairs from her sitting room to start serving out the first course.

Near at hand, Mr. Wilkins was pinning up the football sides for the afternoon's games, and as she drew level with the notice-board, Matron said: "You won't forget those cakes you promised to bring to the coffee party this evening. There'll be only three or four of us, apart from Mr. Hind, so I should think a mixed dozen of éclairs and fancy cakes will be enough."

Mr. Wilkins turned away from the notice-board frowning in self-reproach. "Tut! As a matter of fact I had forgotten, Matron."

"There's still time," she reminded him. "Couldn't you run down to the village in your car before afternoon school?"

Permission granted

"I'm afraid not. I took the dynamo off during break because it wasn't working properly. I've mended it now, but it'll take me a little while to assemble it again. I was going to put it back after football this afternoon."

Matron's smile concealed her disappointment. "Never mind, Mr. Wilkins; perhaps we can find someone else to go down to the village."

Just then Jennings approached Mr. Wilkins.

"Sir, please, sir, may I very kindly have per, sir, to go into . . ."

"May you have per!" Mr. Wilkins echoed in reproof.

"Sorry, sir. May I have permission, I should say, sir."

"So I should think. And whatever it is, ask Mr. Carter. I'm not on duty."

Jennings looked round to find the duty master behind him.

"Sir, please, sir, may I go into the village before school this afternoon, sir?"

"Why?" Mr. Carter asked.

The boy hesitated. "I wanted to buy something to eat, sir."

"More tuck! That's all you boys ever think about," Mr. Wilkins complained. Mr. Carter, however, was prepared to take a more lenient view, for the request was not an unusual one.

Fresh evidence

"All right, Jennings. You can go immediately after football."

"Thank you, sir."

As Jennings was about to resume his place in the line, Mr. Wilkins called him back. "If you're going to the village you can do a little job for me, if you don't mind," he said. "I want you to buy me some cakes."

Cakes! Here was fresh evidence that Mr. Wilkins was still indulging his whim for furtive feasting.

"You mean you want me to get you some to eat, sir?"

"Of course they're to eat! You don't imagine I want them to play ninetails with, do you?"

"No, sir."

"Ask for a dozen assorted. I don't know how much they'll be," Mr. Wilkins said, producing five shillings from his pocket. "Tell the shop to deliver them this afternoon as soon as they can."

He would do the bulk of his shopping at the Linbury Stores and Post Office, Jennings decided, as he arrived in the village that afternoon. First, however, he must cope with Mr. Wilkins' instructions, and with this in mind he turned his step towards a sign-board announcing: Chas. Lumley. Home-made cakes and High Class Teas.

When Jennings entered the shop, Mrs. Lumley shuffled in from the kitchen in her bedroom slippers.

"I've got some nice fancies here," she said in response to his query. "Fivepence each. Ever so nice, they are."

"It doesn't much matter what they taste like. They're for someone else, you see," Jennings informed her. "I'll have a dozen mixed, please. Oh, and would you

mind sending them? I don't want to take them with me."

Mrs. Lumley took the money for the cakes, and said: "I'd better have your name and address."

"Whose—mine? My name's Jennings. J. C. T. Jennings, of Linbury Court School. The cakes aren't for me, though. They're for one of our masters."

"That'll be all right, then. I'll get my husband to bring them up as soon as he comes in."

After her customer had left, Mrs. Lumley selected twelve cakes and packed them in a box. All that remained to be done was to write instructions for delivery on the lid, so that the goods should not go astray. She remembered the address well enough, for the school was well known in the village. About the name she was not so sure . . . Ah, she had it! Jennings, that was it, J. C. T. In clear, bold letters she inscribed on the box: URGENT. FRAGILE. And underneath that: J. C. T. Jennings. Linbury Court School.

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Oldest and youngest

With the exception of the pole vault, decathlon, and the women's javelin throw, Britain will be represented in every one of the athletics events in the Olympic Games. The magnificent response to the appeal by the British Olympic Association—more than £100,000 has been collected to date—has meant that 51 athletes (40 men and eleven women) will make the trip to Melbourne.

Oldest member of the team is Mrs. Dorothy Tyler, who will be making her fourth appearance in Olympic competitions—a record. The youngest member is, suitably, John Young, who will be 19 next week.

Festival time

With their Test and County fixtures completed, the Australian cricketers will now be concentrating on their "Festival" matches. After their game with the Gentlemen of England, starting at Lord's this Wednesday, they go to Hastings to meet an England XI. This Wednesday also sees the start of the Scarborough Festival, when Yorkshire meet M.C.C., and on Saturday, when the Gentlemen meet the Players. Torquay is the third of the "festival" grounds. North meet South on Saturday.

SPORTS SHORTS

RUSSIA is making every effort to ensure that her tennis players get to the top of the ladder as quickly as possible. Earlier this year a party came to study the organisation at Wimbledon and the standard of play. Now they have invited Fred Perry, three times Wimbledon champion, to go to Russia to advise the authorities on coaching methods.

GEORGE TRIBE, the Northants left-arm spin bowler, who was the first man to achieve the cricketers' "double" of 1000 runs and 100 wickets this season, accomplished this all-round performance for the fifth successive season. George joined Northants in 1951 from Victoria, after playing in three Tests for Australia against England in 1946-47.

Soviet sweater for Gordon



Gordon Pirie can often be seen at sports meetings wearing the sweater presented to him by Soviet athletes. (The letters are SSSR as written in Russian.)

AMERICAN airmen stationed at Manston, in Kent, have been hard at work practising their cricket these past few weeks, for on Thursday they will be playing against the Birchington Cricket Club as part of the local carnival celebrations. The airmen are used to hitting out with baseball bats, so there should be plenty of sixes on Thursday.

NEXT week will be important for our swimmers and divers. The national championships begin on Monday at Blackpool, and will continue throughout the week. The day after the championships finish, the Olympic swimming and diving teams will be chosen.

Luzhnik

It may not be long before Luzhnik becomes as famous in the sporting world as Wembley is today. Luzhnik is the name of the Moscow sports stadium, with accommodation for 100,000 spectators, which has been recently opened. It is here that the Russians hope to stage the 1964 Olympic Games if their application is accepted by the International Olympic Committee.

JUST 30 years ago Edward Avory won the Junior Lawn Tennis Championships of Great Britain. This month his two sons will be endeavouring to equal his performance. Jonathan, 15, and Richard, 13, have already made their mark in junior competitions, Richard being selected for special coaching by the L.T.A. But father can still beat his two six-foot sons.

Great day for John

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD John Wagnaby of Port Talbot is blind, but he takes a great interest in football and cricket. When the Australians played Glamorgan, John had part of the game described to him by Allan Watkins, Glamorgan and England all-rounder.

The day was even more memorable for John because Ian Johnson, the Australian skipper, had a long chat with him.

Hopes for the future

A FUTURE athletics international would seem to be Mary Bignall, 16-year-old Wells school-girl. This season she won four Somerset W.A.A.A. championships—long jump, high jump, 100 yards, and 80 metres hurdles, then the National Schools intermediate long jump title. In the Women's A.A.A. Championships she jumped 5 feet 3 inches to take second place in the high jump. Mary is a member of the Bristol South Harriers.

KEN ELKINGTON, 14-year-old pupil at St. Giles' School, Lincoln, is another promising young athlete of whom much should be heard in the future. Standing over 6 feet and weighing 15 stone, Ken won the shot-put at the National Schools sports with a record distance of 48 feet 2 inches. Ken is also doing well at Soccer, cricket, and swimming, and, if he could find opponents, would like to take up boxing as a heavyweight. His father was a shot-putter and heavyweight boxing champion during his Army service.

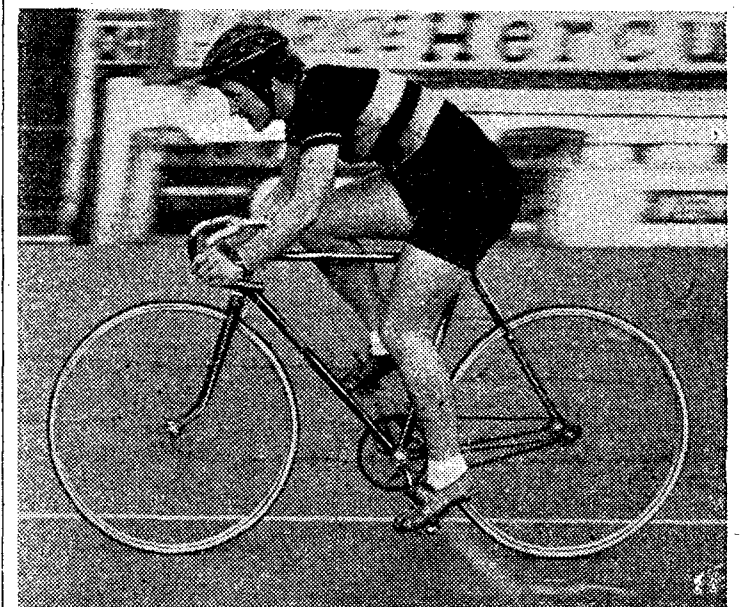
Starting at Chelsea



Barry Bridges, from Norwich, started work recently on the ground staff of Chelsea F.C. He was once a schoolboy Soccer international and is a fine sprinter.

ONE of the most eagerly awaited of the 1956 athletics fixtures will take place at the weekend, when Britain meets the U.S.S.R. at the White City. This meeting should provide our Olympic athletes with their strongest challenge of the year, for the Russians are bringing a team of champions. One of the greatest races of the meeting should be the six-miles, in which Gordon Pirie and Ken Norris will be against Vladimir Kuts.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Barrington Wright, of Flax Bourton, may one day keep wicket for Somerset. Already playing in senior club cricket, he is now being groomed for the County. He is also on the ground staff of the Bristol City F.C., and has high hopes of achieving success at both sports.



The champion

Britain's long distance cycling champion, Millie Robinson of Douglas, Isle of Man, racing at Herne Hill, London.



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ZOO NEWS

MINNIE THE BEAR HAS LEARNT HER LESSON

Minnie, mother of innumerable cubs and one of the best-known brown bears at Regent's Park, has had an accident. Minnie lives on the Mappin Terraces, and sitting up on the parapet begging for tit-bits on a windy day, she was caught by a strong gust and lost her balance.

Down into the ditch 15 feet below went Minnie—all 700 lb. of her. More by luck than judgment she landed on the concrete flooring on the soft flesh of her haunches, and suffered nothing worse than bruised hindquarters!

Keepers soon shepherded Minnie back to her enclosure, driving her through one of the galleries that runs beneath the terraces. Now



Request from Minnie

Minnie, fully restored to health, is again squatting up to beg for offerings. But it is noticeable that she no longer sits too close to the edge of that parapet!

Talking of bears, the seven-month-old polar bear cub, Spitfire, transferred recently to Regent's Park from Whipsnade's Children's Zoo, is settling down very well in the enclosure occupied by London Zoo's home-bred polar bear, Brumas. But the two bears never actually meet. One is always shut away in an inner den before the other one goes out.

TAKING NO RISKS

Many visitors are disappointed not to see these two white bears together. But their disappointment is likely to continue. A Zoo official tells me that Spitfire is only "on loan" to Regent's Park for two or three years. When she is grown-up she will be returned to the Bedfordshire zoo-park.

"In the meantime we dare take no risks," said the official. "Brumas would be unlikely to start any trouble if they were allowed to run together, but Spitfire would soon mistake her tolerance for weakness, and start taking liberties. Then Brumas would undoubtedly turn on her. And being so much bigger and more powerful than Spitfire, Brumas might well kill the younger bear."

A new task for 35-year-old Keeper Gordon Crompton, of the

elephant section, is to accustom the junior riding elephant, Dumbo, to being driven from the neck. When on riding duty up to now this young Indian elephant has always been led by her keeper, who walked beside her head and gave his instructions verbally.

"Now that Dumbo is growing up—she is 7½ years old—we think it high time she learnt to carry her keeper on her neck, like our mature riding elephants," an official told me. "This is an art each elephant has to learn. Some respond quickly; others more slowly. At first, Dumbo didn't take at all kindly to the idea. When her keeper mounted her she just would not budge. But she is now making excellent progress."

Mr. Crompton guides Dumbo entirely by special signals given with the knees and feet. When he wants her to halt, he places a hand gently on her forehead.

Dumbo arrived from Assam in April 1949 when quite a baby. She now stands seven foot three inches tall at the shoulder, and may grow another foot or more yet.

AN OLD FRIEND LEAVES

A Zoo personality well-known to children is leaving shortly. He is Mr. G. R. Doubleday, who is not only the Society's Public Relations Officer, but who also manages the Children's Zoo. Mr. Doubleday is retiring in mid-September, and a big break it will be for him, for his connection with the Zoo goes back to the year 1909 when, at the age of 15, he started work on the administrative side as a junior clerk.

Among other things Mr. Doubleday—or "Double," as he is almost universally known—has been responsible for the organising of numerous Zoo functions, royal visits, parties, and so on. He was largely instrumental in the setting up of the first Pets' Corner in 1935.

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Stamp News

IRELAND is to issue two stamps to mark the gift from the American people of a statue of Commodore John Barry, founder of the U.S. Navy. As stated in the CN last week, the statue is to be unveiled at Wexford on September 16.

THE New Hebrides, in the South Pacific, are jointly administered by Britain and France, according to an agreement signed in October 50 years ago. To mark the jubilee both countries are preparing a series of four stamps. The sets will be of the same design and value, but the wording and watermarks will differ.

FROZEN meat is to be the subject of two New Zealand stamps. They will be issued next year on the 75th anniversary of her first successful shipment of frozen meat to London.

WELL DRESSED FOR SCIENTISTS

When the British Association visits Sheffield for their annual convention, some of its members will visit the Derbyshire village of Eyam to see the famous well-dressing. The first party will call there on September 1.

Members of the village team of well-dressers are creating a special picture composed of petals, lichens, mosses, reeds, and other materials in honour of the occasion.

The Association is greatly interested in this old custom because it is a Christian survival of a pagan rite, in which thanks were given for pure water. Flowers were scattered on the stream and springs in the first place. Later, garlands were hung over the wells, and eventually it became an annual festival.

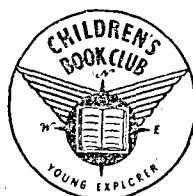
BONES BY THE ROADSIDE

A human skeleton dating from the third or fourth century B.C. has been unearthed during road-widening at Roudham, Norfolk. Fragments of pottery in the grave helped to give a date to the burial and the find sheds light on the physical qualities of the inhabitants at the time of the Roman occupation.



Their school clock

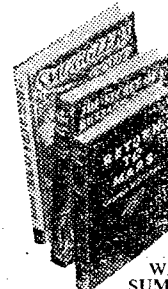
The boys of the Tower Bridge Secondary School in London have been presented with this huge chronometer by a benefactor who built it with his own hands. Dials on the face tell the time in different towns and cities all over the world, and in between are pictures of famous people.



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Fish out of water

Underwater racing is the latest craze in Austria. Here four youngsters, wearing breathing tubes and masks, prepare for a race at Villach, on the River Drau.

THE RETRIEVER

THE golfer had made a perfect shot on to the green. As the ball rolled towards the hole a small dog dashed forward and seized it. When the golfer came in sight he was furious.

"Put it down, Toby," said the dear old lady who owned the dog, "and then the kind gentleman will hit it again for you."

WHEN SHADOWS PLAY

I LOVE to see the shadows pass
So silently across the grass,
And, oh, I love to watch them play
At hide-and-seek among the hay.
I think it would be nice—don't you?—
If we could all be shadows, too,
For though you dart, and pounce, and snatch,
They are most difficult to catch.

SPOT THE...

NEST OF THE POTTER-WASP, neatly fixed to a sprig of heather. As is the case with all solitary species, this dainty, flask-like structure is built by the female. It is made with small pieces of clay cemented together with the insect's saliva.

Having built this nest, the wasp stocks it with tiny caterpillars. These will provide food for the grub, which will hatch from her egg. This egg is suspended by a slender thread from the roof of the nest, so that it will not be disturbed by any movement from the caterpillars. When the grub has turned into a wasp it bites its way through the upper part of the flask and flies off.

WHAT AM I?

My first is in Paris, but not in Berlin;
My next's in a can, but not in a tin;
My third is in hurry, and always in haste;
My fourth's in economy, not in waste.
My fifth is in ordinary objects found;
My last is in gravel, but not in the ground.
My whole is an interesting place I attend,
Where I learn many things and have many a friend.

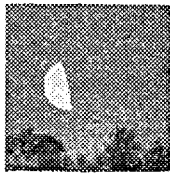
MISSING MEASURES

The words missing here are all measures of some sort. Fill them in correctly and they will fit the clues.

—sniff. A Dickens character.
Cuckoo — A wild flower.
—y flower. The wallflower.
—z This is mineral.
—master. In charge of supplies.
A ten — hat. Worn by cow-boys.

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is in the south-east and Saturn is in the south-west. In the morning Venus is in the east and Mars is in the south. The picture shows the Moon as it will appear at six o'clock on Thursday morning, August 30.



GENEROSITY

THE dear old lady had dropped sixpence on the shop floor and though she and the assistant searched they could not find it. "Oh, never mind now," said the lady. "You know me, so if you find it you can give it to me later. If not, then you may keep it."

THIS SPELLS TROUBLE

A TEACHER whose spelling's unique,
Thus wrote down the "Days of the Week":
The first he spelt "Sonday,"
The second day "Munday"—
And now a new teacher they seek.

BEDTIME TALE

BILLY WAS NOT DISAPPOINTED

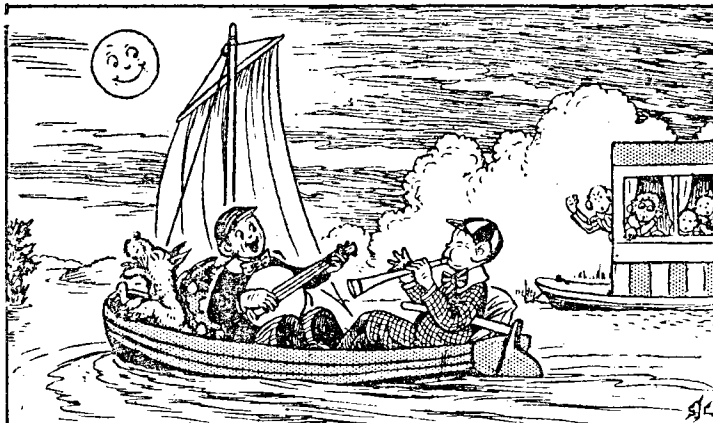
BILLY had only returned from the seaside one day, but how he missed the games on the beach, building sandcastles, dips in the sea.

"Never mind, Billy," said Daddy. "As it's a fine day, we'll go along to the open-air swimming pool. You won't be able to build sandcastles, but you'll get your swim."

But when they got to the swimming pool they found it was closed. A notice on the gate said that it would not be opened until the building of a new paddling pool was finished.

"No swim today, I am afraid," said Daddy. "But as I'm here, I'll

NO APPLAUSE FOR JACKO AND COMPANY



There's no better place than a boat on a summer evening, thought Jacko and Chimp, and of course a little music always sounds so nice when you hear it over the water. So they went sailing gaily down the river, singing and playing a duet as they went. Everything was fine until Bouncer joined in and made it a trio, just as they were passing a houseboat full of people. Then still more voices joined in—with a vengeance. "It's funny, but some people have no soul for music," said Jacko.

HARD

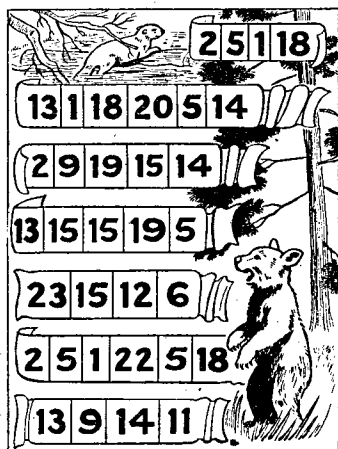
THE customer had complained about the pastry. "I was making pastry before you were born," replied the indignant cook. "Maybe, but why sell it now?"

WHAT A TALE TO SWALLOW

A BLUE snake came up the garden path and a black snake came down the garden path, and the blue snake met the black snake and the black snake met the blue snake and they both met each other. The blue snake attacked the black snake and the black snake attacked the blue snake and they both attacked each other. Now the blue snake fought after the manner of snakes and began to swallow the black snake, beginning at the tail, and the black snake also began to swallow the blue snake, beginning at the tail. And they both swallowed each other completely, leaving no snakes at all.

IN THE WILD WEST

IF A=1, B=2, C=3, and so on, find the names of seven animals found in the Wild West.



PUZZLE THIS OUT

THERE are two numbers, one of which is larger than the other by 4. The square of the latter is 40 less than the square of the former. Name the numbers.

Answers to these puzzles are in column 5

FAMOUS FOLK

AN electrical measure, recalls the great name,
Of a man to whom steam brought a great deal of fame.
Who is he?

BACK-AND-FORTH WORDS

Each of these verses gives you a clue to a word. The words are not particularly difficult, but they are very unusual because they are spelt exactly the same backwards and forwards. Can you guess what they are?

It's something that's done to the walls
When they're looking all dingy and bad,
And Mother says: "Seeing that money is scarce,
Do you think you can manage it, Dad?"

And after some hours, when he's tired,
And his right arm is feeling the strain;
"Drink this up," says Mother—"a big cup of tea,
And then you can start off again!"

THE GARDEN POOL

THERE'S a frog down in the garden pool,
He's hiding in the reeds.
He sits there long in the weedy cool,
Watching the morning pass to noon,
And his eyes are two bright beads.
He never moves when I sail my boat,
He neither stirs nor blinks;
But his heart is throbbing in his throat,
As his tasty dinner comes afloat.
I wonder what he thinks.

I sometimes sit and quietly watch,
But, oh, he maddens me!
So I pick a long and tickly grass
To touch his slippery nose. Then splash!
He's gone, where I cannot see!

QUIZ CORNER ANSWERS

1. Cheetah or hunting leopard.
2. The femur, or thigh bone.
3. Cardiff.
4. George III, 59 years 96 days—from October 25, 1760, to January 29, 1820.
5. The Bible.
6. The Moon.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

What am I? School
Missing measures.
Peck, pint, gill, quart,
quarter, gallon
In the Wild West.
Bear, marten, bison,
moose, wolf, beaver,
mink.
Puzzle this out. 7, 3
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